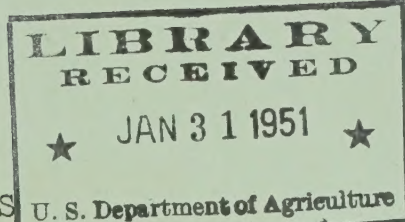


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WHEN YOU THINK OF FRAGRANT GLADS
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Dear Friends,

The century is half gone, but I am convinced now the first fifty years are the hardest. I have received recognition for my fragrant glads. Elmer Gove has bought half the stock of Sweet' N Lovely, Thisisit, & Incense Smoke and is also listing my 46X-N22. Winston Roberts is listing Thisisit along with his Cologne. Some of the growers have been hard to convince, but FRAGRANCE in glads has arrived. I am sure you will forgive me this personal pride in the work I have done.

As if that were not enough, YELLOW RIBBON was class & section champion in the 3 spike division at the big "Mid-States International Show" in Madison. It was also Novice Section Champ in two other State Shows. WHITE RIBBON walked off with the blue in the 3 spike class at Madison, and Pink Ribbon was second in its class to a very fine three spikes of Aria at the same show.

We had a cool year here and every thing was late, and I missed seeing some of my seedlings bloom, so I am offering only one new seedling this year. I hope to have some more ready by next year.

My one business rule remains the same. "YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE."

Sincerely,

O. E. Spencer

SACHET 300 (46X-N10) Perfume X (Mibloom X Maid Of Orleans)
SACHET is a heavily ruffled pure white, good substance, with 6 open and 6 in color on a 13 to 15 bud spike. Its medium height and always straight. This might be described as a Perfume without the throat blotch. It is not quite as fragrant as Perfume, but as the name suggests, has the mild fragrance of a handkerchief that has been stored in a drawer with a sachet. The fragrance tho light is persistent and will remain on the cut spike until it is bloomed out. It is a clean grower and easy propagator. Stock is limited.

BULBS one inch and up \$3.00

SWEET'N LOVELY 441 (Paula Ann X Perfume)

SWEET'N LOVELY combines the blood lines of Picardy, New Era, Joli, and Summer Breeze. The last two being Mibloom seedlings crossed with Mammoth White and Pfitzers Triumph. This is the largest of my fragrant glads and is giving me some large seedlings when crossed with Diadem, some of them up to 6". SWEET'N LOVELY is a light pink, shading lighter toward a red dart in the throat. Florets are slightly winged and ruffled, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to 5", 6 open on a medium height, always straight 17 bud spike. SWEET'N LOVELY has a good rose scent type of fragrance.

PRICE: L. -\$2.50 M.--\$2.00 S.--\$1.50 Blts. \$.20 each

THISISIT 342 Summer Breeze X New Era
THISISIT is a fine clean strong growing glad and should make a good commercial, especially for basket work, as it makes long straight, willowy spikes, THISISIT is a pure pink self, heavily ruffled and good substance, 4" florets, 6-8 open, & makes a 20 bud flower head. THISISIT has a good and persistent fragrance. It makes small bulblets in good quantity and germination is excellent. The price has been halved so better try this one.

PRICE --L.--\$1.00 M.--\$.75 S.--\$.50 Blts. 3 for \$.25

INCENSE SMOKE 390 (47X-043) Mother Machree X Incense.
INCENSE SMOKE is one of those colors so hard to describe with words. It is a smoky pink or old rose, shading to a light yellow throat, with two small red darts deep in the throat. It is a tall straight strong growing plant, 3½" to 4" florets, 5-6 open, and it has a good fragrance. Some of my customers bought this last year as 47X-043.

PRICE--L. \$1.00 M.--\$.75 S.--\$.50 Blts. 3 for \$.25

46X-N22 (312) Mibloom Sdlg. X (Mibloom X Incense)
46X-N22 not only has a good fragrance but it comes the nearest to being a fragrant "Dominate" in breeding of any glad I have used. The yellow seems to be dominant too in my first crosses. It gives a high percentage of fragrant seedlings. It is a tall deep yellow self, plain petaled 3" florets with 6 open. It makes clean bulbs and is a run away propagator. I sold every bulb above an inch that I had last year, but have a good young stock for this year, on late orders may have to substitute mediums.

PRICE. L.--\$.50 M.--\$.35 S.--\$.25 Blts. 6 for \$.25

GWEN 560 Rose Marie Pfitzer X Picardy
GWEN is a tall straight light rose, 6-8 open, 5"-5½" florets. GWEN has won a long list of awards in the New York shows over the past three or four years. It is similar to Diadem, but is of entirely different breeding. (see above) It has a light but persistent fragrance. I have had some good seedlings from Gwen in fragrant crosses. This is an entirely new blood line for those interested in fragrant breeding.

PRICE. L.--\$2.00 M.--\$1.50 S.--\$1.00 Blts. \$.25 each

DIADEM 460 New Era X Vista Bonita
DIADEM is the largest of the fragrant glads. A medium deep rose with a cream throat, 5"-5½" florets, 6 open, 18 buds on a 48" spike. The fragrance is light and is more noticeable when cut than in the garden. DIADEM has given me some large seedlings but does not seem to add much to the fragrance.

PRICE. L.--\$1.00 M.--\$.75 S.--\$.50 Blts. 3 for \$.25

COLOGNE 342 Incense X New Era
COLOGNE is one of the most fragrant glads I have grown. It is a much improved Incense in every way, larger flower, taller, & more fragrant. It is a deep pink with a large cream throat. 4" florets 5-6 open on a tall willowy spike. The price is down now so every one can try it.

PRICE, L.--\$.35 M.--\$.25 S.--2 for \$.25 Blts. 10--\$.25

All the glads on this page are older fragrant varieties and seedlings, valuable mostly for hybridizing. Perfume is still one of the best fragrants and wins ribbons in the 301 class, as does Rose Gem in the 362 class. I am offering this group at the following uniform prices.

PRICE:--L.--\$.15 M.--\$.10 S.--3 for \$.15

GOLDEN FRAGRANCE 410 Mibloom X Picardy.
Golden Fragrance is lightly ruffled light yellow self. Opens 5 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets of good substance on a medium tall spike, 16 buds, 4-5 in color. It has a light but pleasant fragrance.

FRILLED FRAGRANCE 400 Sport of New Era.
Frilled Fragrance is a creamy white sport of New Era and is identical to it except in color. New Era has proven a good parent in many crosses and has given some good fragrant seedlings. My stock of Frilled Fragrance seems to be a better grower than New Era.

PERFUME 301 Joli X Summer Breeze.
Perfume is a ruffled creamy white with a rose dart in the throat. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, 4-6 open on a straight medium height plant. Perfume is a double cross Mibloom seedling and is the parent of my own Sweet'N Lovely and Sachet. This is one of the most fragrant glads to date.

SUMMER FRAGRANCE 352 Queen of Bremen Seedling.
A mid-season small decorative, dark rose pink, it makes tall straight spikes, 4-5 ruffled florets open. This is a strong grower, making clean healthy bulbs. Its chief fault is the short flower head on a long stem.

ROSE GEM 362 (Incense X Sweetheart) X Lavender and Gold
Rose Gem is a medium rose with a large cream throat. Florets $3\frac{1}{2}$ " nicely ruffled with a waxy sheen. This has won several ribbons in the 362 class and has given me some wonderful seedlings in the 200 and 300 classes.

ODORA E. J. Shalor seedling
Odora is pink with a large red throat mark. To me this has an odor rather than a fragrance, but it has shown value as a breeder giving me some good lavender and purple seedlings in the second generation crosses.

CARY JACOBS BOND Probably an Incense seedling.
Color is red with a large cream throat, 4" florets, 4-5 open on a slender medium height plant, with a light fragrance. For me Incense has proven a better grand-parent than parent, so Bond should give some good fragrant red seedlings.

38-4F Summer Breeze X Incense
A deep pink or light red, 4" florets on a medium height spike. This carries two strains of Mibloom as well as Incense in its ancestry. I recommend this primarily as a breeder.

INCENSE Primulinus ancestry

This is one of the oldest fragrant glads. It is a small 240 glad red with a large light yellow throat, and a sweet fragrance. The blood of Incense can be found in Cologne, Rose Gem, Bond, and Incense Smoke. Most of its first cross seedlings will be 200's. PRICE--Any size bulb \$.25

MURIELAE ACIDANTHERA

The Acidanthera is a close relative of the gladiolus. This is strictly a novelty. It grows like a glad, looks like a glad. The flowers are white with a maroon blotch in the throat. The fragrance is very strong and one of the sweetest odors I know of. I am still trying to cross it with a glad. It is easy to grow. April plantings will bloom in September. PRICE--M.--\$.25 S.--\$.15 Blts. 10 for \$.35

The following are seedlings that are still under trial, or seedlings not quite good enough to rate a name because of some minor fault. "Pay your money and take your choice" at; PRICE---Numbered seedling bulbs 1" and up \$.25 each

48X-P22 (Perfume X 46X-N27)

46X-N27 was Summer Fragrance X (Purple Glory X Pfitzers Triumph) This has a good fragrance. Rose purple, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, 6 open, 20 bud spike, and is a good multiplier. If the color did not fade when cut this would surely rate a name.

48X-P9. (Fragrant Sdlg. X 46X-N5)

46X-N5 was Rose Gem X New Era. This is an early ruffled creamy pink, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, 6-8 open. No fragrance. If this wasn't pink it would be considered good; too many pinks. This was one of my favorites.

48X-P 10 (Perfume sdlg)

This is a heavily ruffled salmon orange, darker in the throat. One year this was marked light fragrance, this year I couldn't detect it. A different color and a nice spike.

48-P 16 (Parentage unknown)

A large lavender purple or dark lavender rose. A big husky grower, $5\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, heavy multiplier. I want to check this one more year. You can have the extra bulbs this year.

48-P26 (Reliable X big pink sdlg.)

This is another salmon pink, of which there are too many all ready. This is a big husky glad, 6-8 open, can be grown for the "largest floret" at show. I am using it in my crosses for size and growth habits.

48-P34 (Blue Sdlg. X Blue Sdlg.)

This is a dark violet purple with a white line in each petal forming a star in the throat. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, 6 open, 22 buds. I was tempted to name this one, I may yet. The color is rich and velvety and it does not fade.

FRAGRANT CROSS SEEDLING BULBS.

These are virgin bulbs from hand pollinated seed, both parents being fragrant. Parentages will not be furnished as these are from odd lots of seed or un-named fragrant seedlings. These bulbs will run about equal parts of 5's, 6's and 7's. I have been agreeably surprised at the interest shown in these bulbs. My stock is rather small this year so order early to avoid disappointment. Save yourself two years work.

PRICE--12 for \$1.00 100 for \$6.50

FRAGRANT CROSS SEED.

These are hand pollinated seed, both parents being fragrant, and are the seed from which I will grow the bulbs listed above for next years sale. Parentages cannot be furnished but many are from pollen of the best varieties crossed on seedlings that were from bulbs too small to judge for other than fragrance. Former customers have been pleased with results from these seed.

PRICE--Selected seed 12 for \$.25 100 for \$1.50

JUNE SCARLET

JUNE SCARLET is an extra early glad to lengthen your blooming season. June Scarlet makes 5" florets, 5-6 open, on a 50" spike, that is always straight. June Scarlet is not a show glad but I have sold a lot of it for early cut flowers and in the north where the season is short.

PRICE--L.--\$.15 M.--\$.10 S.-- 3 for \$.15

RELIABLE

RELIABLE is one of the strongest growing most dependable glads I have ever grown. It deserves to be better known. It is a pure dark pink with a dusting of red deep in the throat. 5½" florets under field conditions, florets slightly winged which makes it appear larger, 6 open, 6 in color, on a strong straight stem.

PRICE--L. \$.25 M.--\$.15 S.--\$.10 Blts. 10 for \$.25

Personally I am not too enthusiastic about the little glads, but the popular demand for them has made me select a few good ones from my seedling patch. The three "RIBBONS" below are all real ribbon winners.

WHITE RIBBON 200

WHITE RIBBON is a definite comer in the 200 class. It has won ribbons in Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin that I know of. White Ribbon is a natural 200, but at the Mid States International, it had to compete with the 300's too, and still won the blue. It is pure white, lightly ruffled, 3" florets, 6 open, 6 in color, on a tall slender straight stem. It makes large bulb-lets, in good quantity, that germinate easily.

PRICE--L. or M. --\$1.00 Blts.--3 for \$.25

Special set--1 L.; 1 M.; 1 S.; and 12 blts.----\$3.00

Four sets for \$10.00

YELLOW RIBBON 210

This little glad really went to town last year. It won 3 section champions that I know of, including the 3 spike 210-310 section at the "Mid States International". Yellow Ribbon is a mid season light yellow, 8-10 open in a formal double row placement, on a straight medium height spike. If you like the little ones don't overlook Yellow Ribbon. It is an easy grower. PRICE L.--\$.15 M.--\$.10 S. 2 for \$.15

PINK RIBBON 240

This little glad has been out 9 years and is still winning a good share of the ribbons in its class. It is so well known that it hardly needs a description. It is an early light pink with red dusting on a cream throat. 6 open, 6 in color, on a tall slender willowy stem.

PRICE--L. 2 for \$.25 M.-- 3 for \$.25 S.--6 for \$.25

All orders are prepaid anywhere in the U. S. A. 10 bulbs of a size and kind at 8 times the price of one. 5 bulbs at the 10 rate.

Orders up to \$5.00 net. \$5.00 to \$10.00, 10 % discount. \$10.00 to \$20.00, 15% discount. I do not issue a wholesale list, but if you are interested in planting stocks of any of the above, I will be glad to quote prices. The stock of most of these is still small, as I am not equipped to raise by the thousands.

All of these bulbs have been state inspected both in the field and in storage. All bulbs are dusted with D. D. T. at cleaning time.

THESE BULBS ARE GUARANTEED. YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE.